

**City of Orono**  
**Accepted Materials for Organics Recycling**

**The City of Orono**  
**Organics Recycling Guide**



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## Accepted Materials for Organics Recycling

- Berry cartons (paper only)
- Bones
- Candy (remove from wrapper, no gum allowed)
- Cellulose sponges
- Certified compostable bags (BPI certified compostable)
- Certified compostable foodservice items, including plates, utensils, bowls, and cups (must be BPI certified compostable)
- Cheesecloth
- Chopsticks and coffee stir-sticks (wood only)
- Coffee cups (only BPI certified compostable. Most convenience store (Starbucks, Caribou) cups go in the trash.)
- Coffee grounds and paper filters (K-cups or other pods are trash. Empty the grounds from the pods into the organics.)
- Cork (natural only, plastic corks are trash)
- Corn cobs, husks, and shuckings
- Cotton balls (100% cotton and without chemicals/nail polish on them)
- Dust bunnies
- Egg cartons (paper only)
- Eggs and egg shells
- Flower bouquets (remove any ribbon and/or plastic)
- Food – including spoiled, moldy, frozen, dairy, fruits and vegetables (except Black Walnut shells), herbs and spices, nuts, seafood and fish including shells and parts, meat including fat and bones, etc.
- Fruit, peels, seeds, and pits
- Frozen foods (remove from bag)
- Fur - from pet grooming (not fur clothing)
- Hair - human and pet
- Indoor plants and trimmings
- Meat and meat products (including fat and bones, raw or cooked)
- Nail clippings
- Napkins (no chemicals or cleaners on them)
- Newspaper wet with food or dirt (recycle if clean and dry)
- Nuts and nut shells (except Black Walnut shells)
- Paper bags (Includes flour, sugar, cornmeal, and brown paper bags. Recycle if clean.)
- Paper plates, bowls, and cups (uncoated and BPI certified compostable)
- Paper towel rolls (reuse or recycle first)
- Paper towels (without chemicals or cleaners)
- Pencils and pencil shavings (no metal, foil or erasers)
- Pizza boxes (delivery only; recycle if not greasy or cheesy. Freezer pizza boxes are trash.)
- PLA plastic (only if BPI certified compostable)
- Popcorn kernels

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- Popsicle sticks (wood only)
- Pumpkins and gourds
- Q-tips™ (paper middle only. If plastic, then trash.)
- Soup (strain liquids down drain first)
- Tea bags (must be paper only, no plastic or foil lining, remove staples)
- Tissues and tissue paper
- Toilet paper rolls (reuse or recycle if possible)
- Toothpicks (wood only)



***“When in doubt, throw it out.”***

*\*This list & information was adapted for Orono from Richfield, MN's list*

**Look for this logo to verify if a product is certified compostable or visit: [www.BPIworld.org](http://www.BPIworld.org)**

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